"DETERMINATION"

(Ex Invulnérable / Invulnerability)

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Marinette et Adrien se questionnent sur leurs sentiments. Alors que Marinette essaye de se convaincre qu'elle ne doit plus être amoureuse d'Adrien parce que ça la détourne de son rôle de super héroïne, elle se découvre de nouveaux sentiments pour un autre garçon qui a bien changé ces derniers temps…
De son côté, Adrien s'intéresse de plus en plus à Marinette, et si elle était plus qu'une amie pour lui ? Ce qu'il ignore, c'est qu'en invitant Marinette à une sortie, il va déclencher un tourbillon d'émotions qui va changer leurs vies…

Marinette and Adrien wonder about their feelings. While Marinette tries to convince herself that she needs to stop being in love with Adrien because it diverts her from her role as a superhero, she discovers that she has feelings for another boy, who has changed a lot lastly... As for Adrien, he is becoming increasingly interested in Marinette. What if she were more than just a friend? He doesn't know that, by inviting Marinette out, he is about to unleash a whirlwind of feelings that will change their lives...

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1 **EXT. OUTSIDE SCHOOL - DAY**

Marinette drops Kagami off in front of the school on her scooter. *

From the top of the stairs where he's waiting for Kagami, a sports bag on his shoulder, Adrien sees Marinette taking off her helmet to kiss Kagami goodbye. Marinette - with her hair flying loosely in the wind - seems to hypnotize Adrien.

1 KAGAMI
Thanks Marinette!

2 MARINETTE
Enjoy training!

Kagami takes her sports bag and her portfolio then she joins Adrien walking up the stairs four at a time.

3 KAGAMI
Sorry I'm late Adrien.

But Adrien doesn't seem to see or hear her -- he only has eyes for Marinette, whom he greets with a hand gesture that goes on and on.

Marinette, embarrassed, waves back with a smile that she quickly conceals by putting her helmet back on.

As Marinette drives off...

4 ADRIEN
Why did Marinette take off that fast?

Kagami sees that Adrien is still waving with a frozen smile on his lips.

5 KAGAMI
Because she doesn’t take fencing class with us?

Adrien sighs as he drops his hand along his body.

2 **INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

In the locker room, Kagami, already in her fencing gear, catches Adrien, still in his regular clothes, fascinated by a watercolor of Marinette he took out of the portfolio. Marinette is painted with her hair loose, posing on the Ile de la Cité.

6 KAGAMI
Like what you're seeing?

Adrien startles, awkward:

7 ADRIEN
Huh, what, who?

8 KAGAMI
My watercolor, do you like it?

9 ADRIEN
It's like... you can almost see through her eyes...deep into her soul. So beautiful...

He spots Kagami's gaze and corrects himself.

10 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
The watercolor, I mean! It’s so beautiful!

An imperious Kagami holds out her phone to Adrien (he doesn't take it).

11 KAGAMI
You’re going to ask Marinette out!

12 ADRIEN
Huh? But why?

13 KAGAMI
Because you obviously have feelings for her. Call her.

14 ADRIEN
Of course I don’t! She’s just a friend!

15 KAGAMI
You look at her the way I’d wished you'd looked at me. Call her!

He looks at the watercolor again.

16 ADRIEN
No... you’re wrong.

17 KAGAMI
There are none so blind as those who will not look at themselves in the mirror. Call her.

He hesitates. Kagami is still holding out the phone for him.

18 ADRIEN
But... ask her out how? And... what do I say?

19 KAGAMI
If your feelings were as clear as you’re pretending, you wouldn’t have any reason to hesitate like that.

Adrien takes the phone.

3 **EXT. COUFFAINE HOUSEBOAT / UPPER DECK - DAY**

Marinette gets off her scooter. She pulls two packs of stickers out of the top box. Then she goes up on the deck of the Couffaines's houseboat, where she joins the Kitty Section (Rose, Juleka, Ivan, Mylene and Luka) as they take a break between two rehearsals.

20 MARINETTE
Hey, guys! I got the stickers for the band!

21 FRIENDS
Yeah! Woohoo! Awesome!

Marinette raises one hand, showing the first bundle.

22 MARINETTE
I made one version with the record label logo on it...

Marinette raises her other hand, showing the second bundle.

23 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
And another without it!

Luka takes the bundle without the logo and looks at it.

24 LUKA
You rock, Marinette, thanks. We shouldn't use their logo for now -- the record company still hasn't sent the contract!

25 JULEKA
Mumbles (muffled)

26 ROSE
Oh, Don't say that, Juleka. Producers keep their word!

27 MYLENE
That's what Bob Roth said anyway!

Just then Marinette's phone rings. Adrien's face appears on the screen. She goes pale and is about to dismiss the call when she realizes EVERYONE is looking at her.

28 MARINETTE
Hehe!

She tries to look like she's cool about it -- she's not credible for one second.

29 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Oh, would you look at that, it's Adrien calling. Well, I guess I'll just answer casually...
(she picks up)
Hey! What's the dealio amigo? *

4 **CROSS-CUT MONTAGE MARINETTE / ADRIEN**

Adrien is still in the locker room of the fencing class, on the telephone as Kagami monitors the call:

30 ADRIEN
Uh... um... good... I think?

He looks at Kagami, who motions for him to go on.

31 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
You know, Marinette, a lot has happened over the last few months... I feel like something's changed about the way I feel about you, but I'm kind of confused. Could we maybe meet up and talk it through?

32 MARINETTE
The way you feel about... me... has changed? And you want to -- meet??? The thing is, I'm really busy right now, and I...

Marinette looks up and sees her friends all giving her questioning looks as they listen to her.

33 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I-I-- can make time... (nervous laughter) Where should we meet?

34 ADRIEN
Well... how about the Grevin museum?!

Kagami can't hide her surprise. Adrien shrugs: he doesn't see the problem with this.

35 MARINETTE
The... Grevin museum?! Ok! Great! Super great! It's gonna be great! The Grevin Museum!

36 ADRIEN
Ok, see you then, then!

When Marinette hangs up, everyone exults:

37 FRIENDS
WoooooOOOOOoooowww!!!!! So awesome! Great! That's amazing!! Marinette and Adrien are going on a date!
(group hug!)
We gotta celebrate!

They all head to the back of the houseboat, except Marinette.

38 MARINETTE
You guys go ahead!

5 **INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

39 KAGAMI
The Grevin museum!?!?

40 ADRIEN
Yes why, did I do something wrong?

41 KAGAMI
On a romantic date?

42 ADRIEN
You told me that my feelings for her were unclear... and you were right. Something's changed, but I don't know what. And since I have a feeling it happened somewhere around the time we went to the Grevin Museum...

FLASHBACK of Adrien reacting as Marinette is about to kiss him, mistaking him for a statue.

43 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
... it just seemed the right place to meet.

6 **EXT. HOUSEBOAT - DAY**

While the gang celebrates Adrien and Marinette's upcoming date at the back of the boat, Luka realizes that their friend has stayed alone at the front. He finds her busy sticking her stickers on the flight cases and the instruments.

44 LUKA
Something wrong?

45 MARINETTE
No, everything's fine. I just wanted to stick the stickers. Whenever I make stickers, I like to stick them myself... it's important for a designer... of stickers!

She sees Luka's face - he's not buying it - and falls apart..

46 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Oh, Luka, I don't know what to do, I don't know what's happening to me... I don't know how I feel, I... I'm completely confused. I can't be in love with Adrien, cuz when I'm in love with Adrien, I make a giant mess of things! You have no idea! A few days ago, I made a huge mistake because of my feelings for him, and I ended up losing some very valuable things and...

47 LUKA
Marinette, what’s past is past. What matters is what tune your heart is playing now.

48 MARINETTE
Well that's the thing -- there's no tune anymore.

49 LUKA
Maybe because there’s too much noise around you. Spending some time alone with Adrien will be a chance for you to listen to how you’re feeling.

50 MARINETTE
But I can’t go back to the Grevin museum, not with him!

FLASHBACK of Marinette, about to kiss Adrien’s statue... when she realizes that he’s the real Adrien!

Back on Luka.

51 LUKA
But isn’t spending time with him what you've always wanted??

52 MARINETTE
Yes, I know, but that’s what’s weird! We’ve been schoolmates for months now. And I’ve been in love with him without ever being able to really talk to him. I've imagined stories with him. And then in real life, everything just failed miserably. What if that’s all there is to it? Stories I told myself? What if I don’t actually know him? And now that he’s coming to me... I should be happy... but the truth is... it just makes me uncomfortable.

53 LUKA
You’re simply discerning between your dream Adrien and the real Adrien. But that’s a good thing, Marinette. That’s the only way you’ll know if you really love him.

54 MARINETTE
But I’m scared, Luka.
(a beat)
If only I had a friend to go with me...

Luka smiles, he knows Marinette well and he agreed to be her friend. Marinette knows he’s going to accept; she gives him her imploring kitten eyes.

55 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Just so I’m less scared?

7 **EXT. OUTSIDE GREVIN - DAY**

Adrien is waiting outside the museum with Kagami when he sees Marinette arrive... with Luka! Adrien is disconcerted.

56 ADRIEN
Why is Marinette bringing Luka along? Is she still in love with him?

57 KAGAMI
You’re just experiencing jealousy, Adrien.

Adrien is surprised by his own reaction.

58 ADRIEN
I don't know...
(A beat)
You think?

Marinette’s reaction on the other hand is completely different when she sees Adrien and Kagami outside the museum.

59 MARINETTE
Ah! So that’s why he wanted to see me! When he said his feelings had changed, what he meant was he’s with Kagami! Well at least the situation's clear now.

But Luka doesn’t see things this way. Kagami and Adrien are standing at a good distance from one another.

60 LUKA
Stop jumping to conclusions. *

As the two pairs meet, Adrien asks THE question.

61 ADRIEN
Marinette, Luka, are you two... together?

Marinette seizes the opportunity. She grabs Luka’s arm.

62 MARINETTE
Yes! That’s right! We’re more together than ever!

Adrien is bitter.

63 ADRIEN
Ah... I’m happy for you two.

Luka sees that, despite his smile, Adrien is affected. He casts a tender but reproving glance at Marinette.

64 LUKA
Marinette...

Marinette makes an effort and lets go of Luka's arm.

65 MARINETTE
Well I mean... Together... we came together is what I mean! How about you guys? I'm so glad to see that you patched things up. I knew you two were meant for each other!

66 KAGAMI
Marinette, you know perfectly well that Adrien and I are only just friends now.

67 LUKA
Alright, we'll leave you two together now. Enjoy the visit...

But Marinette holds him back.

68 MARINETTE
(whispering)
I still can't hear a tune! I need you, Luka, please!

Luka can't say no to Marinette. He gives in.

Adrien, on the other hand, says bye to Kagami.

69 ADRIEN
Thank you Kagami.

But Kagami insists on staying.

70 KAGAMI
You're welcome, but I'm staying. You'll probably still need me.

Adrien doesn't dare cross her.

8 **INT. GREVIN MUSEUM / HALL - DAY**

As they enter the hall, our friends run into Veronique, curator of the museum.

71 VERONIQUE
Adrien!? Did we have an appointment? Is there a problem with your statue?

Marinette's face tenses at the mention of Adrien's statue.

72 ADRIEN
No, Veronique, I just came with my friends, for fun.

73 VERONIQUE
Ah, excellent! If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask!

74 FRIENDS
Thank you!

The Alliance Ring that Veronique wears starts ringing. She runs a finger over it and Adrien's hologram appears.

75 HOLOGRAM ADRIEN
Veronique, your appointment with Mayor Bourgeois is in 5 minutes.

She responds to the hologram with an amused wink to the real Adrien.

76 VERONIQUE
Very well Alliance!
(to the real Adrien)
I'd better hurry, we're discussing something new for the museum.

She shows a bunch of flyers in her hand.

77 VERONIQUE (CONT'D)
But it's still a secret! I'll invite you all to the opening of this new hall! I can't wait for everyone to see it!

Veronique walks away cheerfully with her flyers.

78 ADRIEN
Veronique is so great. *

They all nod.

79 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Why don't we start the tour in the Hall of Columns?

CUT TO

9 **INT. MUSEUM / HALL OF COLUMNS - DAY**

On Luka and Kagami looking surprised.
On Marinette looking embarrassed.
On Adrien, looking pretty happy and proud (completely ingenuous).

Then we see what they're looking at. Reverse angle: Adrien's wax statue.

80 ADRIEN
Remember when you mistook me for a statue, Marinette?

Marinette just wants to sink through the floor.

81 MARINETTE
Uh... yeah, I remember... really well — so well that maybe we could go check out another statue, what d'you say?

Except Adrien doesn't realize how embarrassed Marinette is. He's lost in the memory.

82 ADRIEN
You kissed me!

83 MARINETTE
Yes, no, I... well, you call it a kiss... but it's the statue I almost kissed! It was more of a miss than a kiss... Hehe. I thought you were made of wax! My lips did get very close, but technically...
(She pulls out a tape measure)
You can't really call that a kiss. What's the official distance for a kiss anyway?

During Marinette's monologue to Adrien, Kagami and Luka have discreetly withdrawn to leave them alone. Once they're away:

84 KAGAMI
Adrien's problem is that he doesn't realize his feelings for Marinette are love.

85 LUKA
I think it's because he's a kind and generous person. He loves everyone. And everyone loves him back. He's lost in a jungle of love, so he has a hard time reading the signals Marinette sends him...

Luka's voice fades out as he and Kagami look, perplexed, at Marinette, gesticulating between Adrien and his statue, waving her tape measure around.

86 KAGAMI
That's true — learning to read Marinette's signals is a complex endeavor. It took *me* a lot of time.

BACK ON Marinette as she finishes up her measures - and her Marinette-speech.

87 MARINETTE
...and you leaped backwards to stand at a respectful distance. I get it, mind you, that was awkward...

88 ADRIEN
I don't think I was feeling awkward. More like... surprised!
(MORE)

ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Not by what you were doing, but by how I was feeling. And how I was feeling was --

Marinette is afraid of what Adrien's about to say. She grimaces and looks around for help. But she realizes that Luka has moved away from them. She panics...

89 MARINETTE
Do not finish that sentence under any circumstance...

Marinette steps back and bumps into a statue, apologizing to it!

90 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Sorry Ma'am!

Then she falls down and gets back up, waving to Adrien that everything's okay.

91 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I'm fine! I'll be right back!

She finds Luka and drags him away from Kagami to talk to him.

92 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
(whispering)
What if Adrien and I weren't meant to be together? What if... I was meant to be alone!? Maybe I could never be myself with anyone. Maybe I should just give up being in love, just give up!

Luka looks at Adrien (waiting next to his statue a few feet behind Marinette), then he looks at Marinette.

93 LUKA
Well I think you may have more in common with Adrien than you think.

Luka gives Marinette a comfort hug and adds:

94 LUKA (CONT'D)
Trust in yourself for once.

CUT TO Adrien as he sees Luka back there hugging Marinette.

Kagami, who has gotten closer to Adrien, sees Adrien looking sad to see Marinette hugging Luka.

95 KAGAMI
Feeling jealous?

96 ADRIEN
I don’t know... All I know is that... I’d like to be in Luka’s place.

97 KAGAMI
Then you should *take* his place.

10 **INT. HALL OF HEROES - DAY**

In the Hall of Heroes, the statues are all covered with white sheets, except for Ladybug's and Cat Noir’s. This is where Veronique is meeting with Mayor Bourgeois, and it’s not going well!

98 MR. BOURGEOIS
I will *not* let you display this room!

He lifts a sheet under which we see the statue of Vesperia.

99 MR. BOURGEOIS (CONT'D)
It would be depressing for my daughter... uh... I mean, the people of Paris! Chloe might... uh, the people of Paris could get akumatized! This will remind them of Ladybug and Cat Noir’s disastrous failure following the disastrous loss of the Miraculous that Ladybug was supposed to be guarding. And this may lead to many more disastrous disasters... Just the thought of it is harrowing enough. Did I mention how disastrous this could be?!

Veronique fights back.

100 VERONIQUE
Now, Mister Mayor, not opening this hall would be destroying people’s hope. I'm sure Ladybug will get the Miraculous back, and the Superheroes will come back!

Mayor Bourgeois lifts a sheet covering the statue of Carapace.

101 MR. BOURGEOIS
What if Ladybug fails over and over? What if we never see those superheroes again? Trust me, politics is about adapting to the times.

Bourgeois takes the flyers from Veronique’s hands. She jumps, startled.

102 MR. BOURGEOIS (CONT'D)
And the times are telling us to throw all those away!

On the leaflets, we see what the Hall of Heroes could be (statues of all the superheroes gathered around Ladybug and Cat Noir).

Veronique immediately takes the flyers back.

103 VERONIQUE
You're wrong! These times call for hope! I will show these statues no matter what!

104 MR. BOURGEOIS
You won't if I have your museum shut down due to hygiene problems.

105 VERONIQUE
There are no hygiene problems here!

106 MR. BOURGEOIS
Then there are no superhero statues. No statues, no hygiene problems! It’s the status quo.

Bourgeois leaves the room, leaving Veronique on the spot with her flyers.

11 **INT. MONARCH’S LAIR**

The iris opening to Monarch's lair opens.

107 MONARCH
Of course, the return of the superheroes... such a fantastic idea... as long as they’re at my service!

Monarch transforms a butterfly into an akuma. Then he puts his ring with the horse' seal against Kaalki's cage.

108 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Kaalki, your power is now mine!

Monarch transfers Kaalki’s energy into a ring that lights up with the seal of the Miraculous of the Horse.

109 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my akuma!

The akuma enters the portal.

12 **INT. MUSEUM / HALL OF COLUMNS - DAY**

Meanwhile, Adrien and Marinette continue their visit. Marinette walks as fast as she can, doing everything to keep Adrien from talking. In front of Bob Roth's statue:

110 MARINETTE
Oh Mr. Bob Roth, don't forget to send the Kitty Section their contract! Hihi!

As Adrien catches up with her, Marinette sets off again towards the statue of Mayor Bourgeois. The statue has one arm leaning against a column, as if he were consulting his phone...

111 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Hello Mr. Mayor, how did your appointment go?

Turns out the statue is the actual mayor, who instantly straightens up.

112 MR. BOURGEOIS
What?

Marinette startles with fear, while the mayor is already walking away, annoyed, mumbling.

Adrien can't help but laugh at Marinette's amusing clumsiness.

Behind them, Kagami and Luka are desperate.

113 KAGAMI
They're never gonna make it...

114 LUKA
(mischievous)
... not without a little nudge from fate!

Luka and Kagami sneak out towards a stairway. Marinette sees them.

115 MARINETTE
They’re going! They’re leaving us alone! They’re gonna lose us, I mean get lost! We’re lost! All is lost!

116 ADRIEN
It’s okay, Marinette, we’re not lost, we’re together... that’s good!

That sentence makes Marinette panic even more.

117 MARINETTE
You're right, we should ALL stay TOGETHER!

She starts running towards their chaperons. Adrien follows her.

13 **INT. HALL OF HEROES - DAY**

Marinette comes running from the stairs that lead to the Hall of Heroes. She narrowly spots Kagami and Luka, leaving the room through another exit, on the other side of the room.

118 MARINETTE
Hey! Wait for us!

To catch up with them, Marinette enters the room, soon joined by Adrien. But as they reach the center of the hall... CLANG! The doors close. Behind and in front of them.

INSERT - we see that Luka just triggered the closing of the doors, from the corridor. Kagami gives him an impressed look. Now *that's* a radical plan!

14 **CROSS CUT MONTAGE - INT. MUSEUM / LOBBY & LAIR - DAY**

Not far from the reception desk, Veronique is crying, looking at the flyers that were supposed to announce the opening of the Hall of Heroes. Suddenly, the Voyage portal opens in front of her. An akuma flies out of it and lands in the sheaf of flyers.

119 MONARCH
MANIPULA, I am Monarch. Do you mourn the demise of the superheroes? Well I am giving you the power to bring them back to life... along with all their powers!

Veronique resists.

120 VERONIQUE
Why would you do that? You're the reason they disappeared! You stole their Miraculous!

121 MONARCH
I didn't steal anything. Ladybug is the one who lost them. She's responsible for everything that's happening today! If Paris had another superhero leader, the other superheroes would all still be here, and your museum wouldn't be threatened with closure.

Veronique still resists.

122 MONARCH (CONT'D)
If you bring me Ladybug's and Cat's Noir's Miraculous I promise to stop akumatizing people.

Veronique raises her head. She's listening.

123 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I'm offering you the chance to give real hope to the people of Paris. Isn't that what you wanted?

124 VERONIQUE
It is.

Veronique gives in and transforms into MANIPULA.

Monarch touches his ring with the Ox's seal to Stompp's cage.

125 MONARCH
Stompp, your power is now mine!

Stompp's cage lights up. The energy of the kwami is transferred into one of Monarch's rings, which lights up with the Ox's seal.

Monarch presses the seal...

126 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

Zoom in on Veronique/Manipula's ring. Push into the jewel, where an electronic component lights up in the color of the Miraculous of the Ox (blue).

127 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Manipula, I'm transferring the essence of the Miraculous of Determination to you. It will give you the power of Invulnerability. This way, magical powers will have no affect on you, not even Ladybug's and Cat Noir's.

15 **INT. HALL OF HEROES - DAY**

Trapped in the Hall of Heroes with Adrien, Marinette is freaking out.

128 MARINETTE
I can't get it to open...
(trying to get some signal with her phone)
No signal. What are we going to do?

129 ADRIEN
Everything's okay, Marinette, I'm here.

130 MARINETTE
Exactly! You're here! That's the problem!

Adrien is surprised.

131 ADRIEN
I'm the problem... ?

132 MARINETTE
No, no, you're not! I'm the problem! Every time I get close to you, I...

Marinette can't help but look at the statue of Ladybug, behind Adrien (Note: leave Cat Noir's out of frame).

133 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
...I make a mess of things! I cause disasters...

134 ADRIEN
Of course not... Kissing me while you thought I was a statue was not disastrous at all, believe me!

Marinette sees that Adrien is confused. She wishes she could tell him the truth. But she can't.

135 MARINETTE
I wish I could tell you everything...

136 ADRIEN
You can tell me everything...

Time stands still... She looks at him. He looks at her.

When BANG! Manipula smashes through the door.

Adrien and Marinette hide.

They see the villain take the sheets off the statues. Her stack of flyers has turned into a fan. She picks the flyers one by one like one would pick petals off a flower. Then, she sticks a flyer onto the forehead of a statue. The statue comes to life. She does it 17 more times, assembling her army of superheroes. (Ladybug and Cat Noir's statues come to life. Then Polymouse, Viperion, Rena Rouge, Carapace, adult Bunnyx, Pegasus, King Monkey, Minotaurox, Caprikid, Miss Hound, Rooster Bold, Pigella, Purple Tigress, Ryûko, Vesperia.) Marinette takes advantage of the chaos to escape from Adrien.

137 MARINETTE
The door's open, let's run!

She leaves so fast that Adrien can't follow her right away.

16 **INT. HALL OF COLUMNS - DAY**

Marinette steps inside the elevator in the hall of columns. When the doors close on her, we hear:

138 LADYBUG (O.S.)
Tikki, spots on!

FLASH TRANSFO. When the doors open, Ladybug comes out. She sees Manipula and her superheroes running towards the museum's exit. She immediately starts following them...

17 **INT. MUSEUM RESTROOM - DAY**

Meanwhile, Adrien goes into the bathroom. He makes sure no one's in there, then Plagg comes out of his jacket...

139 ADRIEN
Plagg, claws out!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

18 **EXT. PARIS - DAY**

When they meet on the rooftops of Paris, Ladybug and Cat Noir face Manipula and her 17 superheroes.
A Sergio Leone-style Mexican standoff ensues!

140 MANIPULA
Ladybug, Cat Noir, you're going to be proud of me. The superheroes are back! And if you give me your Miraculous, then Monarch will renounce evil.
(Ultra positive and proud)
The Grevin Museum will once again be able to celebrate heroes!

Ladybug and Cat Noir share an embarrassed look.

141 LADYBUG
That's great, uh... Veronique?

142 MANIPULA
I am Manipula now!

143 LADYBUG
If you really want to help us, like you've always done, then reject the akuma.

144 CAT NOIR
Monarch is manipulating you.

145 MANIPULA
Don't worry, if he doesn't keep his end of the deal, then I'll defeat him with my team of superheroes...

146 CAT NOIR
He can take your powers back whenever he wants, you know?

147 LADYBUG
Trust us.

INSERT ON MONARCH telepathically talking to Manipula.

148 MONARCH
How can you trust Ladybug if she won't trust you?

Manipula takes a step towards Ladybug.

149 MANIPULA
You should be the ones trusting me, Ladybug and Cat Noir. I have a team of superheroes, which you no longer do!

Hurt, Ladybug and Cat Noir exchange sad looks as they see the “live” statues of their friends in front of them.

150 LADYBUG
She's right, they're gone because of me! I lost the Miraculous, and my team too...

151 CAT NOIR
You didn't lose me.

Ladybug looks at Cat Noir – he's heroic, and damn convincing (and attractive) in this role.

152 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
As long as Monarch doesn’t have our Miraculous, he hasn't won. And we need everyone's help, including yours, Veronique.

Cat Noir approaches Manipula, reaching out to her.

153 MANIPULA
You're right. You do need me. I'm the new hope.

She walks towards him...

Just then, Cat Noir notices the Rena Rouge of her group of superheroes spinning her flute. He unfolds his staff in Catphone mode and uses his screen as a mirror, with the screen reflecting what's happening behind him.

In the reflection of his screen, he sees Vesperia and Rena Rouge arriving in their backs, who are ALSO in front of them next to Manipula. The Rena illusion is making the same gestures as her original wax statue.

154 CAT NOIR
(to Ladybug)
It's a trap!

He shows his screen to Ladybug who takes a look at it and understands immediately. With one look, they synchronize.

Without even turning around, they fight off the wax versions of Rena Rouge and Vesperia behind their backs by throwing their yo-yo and staff behind them. When the wax version of Rena Rouge is hit, it puts an end to the illusions of the other heroes in front of them. Manipula was the only real one, but she immediately retreats.

155 MANIPULA
You chose your side, too bad for you!

Ladybug picks up the two flyer-strips of the defeated wax heroines and rips them in two. No Akuma comes out, but magic dust falls out instead...

156 LADYBUG
Each strip contains a part of the akuma.

Ladybug captures the magical particles that escape from the strips in her yo-yo.

157 CAT NOIR
So we've gotta destroy them all to capture the akuma.
(Determined)
Let's do this.

Now that the illusion of superheroes has disappeared, they see the "real" wax superheroes in the distance, joined by Manipula.

158 LADYBUG
They're heading to City Hall!

19 **CROSS CUT MONTAGE - EXT. CITY HALL / INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

CUT TO - Monarch, telling Manipula:

159 MONARCH
See? I was right. Ladybug is not worthy of your admiration. She doesn't want peace, or she would have agreed to your deal.

Manipula goes to Monarch's side for good.

160 MANIPULA
You can count on me to get the Miraculous, Monarch.
(striking a heroic pose)
Paris has a new superhero!

Manipula speaks to all the wax heroes she's given life to.

161 MANIPULA (CONT'D)
Gather in pairs, and get me Ladybug's and Cat Noir's Miraculous.

Manipula leaps in front of City Hall.

162 MANIPULA (CONT'D)
In the meantime, I'll make sure the Mayor gives way for my museum to honor the real heroes!

20 **EXT. PARIS - VARIOUS - DAY**

MONTAGE

Ladybug and Cat Noir leap over the rooftops when Purple Tigress and Pigella shos up in their path.

A glance is enough. Ladybug and Cat Noir turn Purple Tigress's bolas against herself. In a flash, they tie her up to a lamp post with Pigella.

Cat Noir destroys the strips.

Ladybug captures the magic akuma dust in her yoyo.

Our heroes high-five and move on.

CUT TO - 12 mini Polymouses surround them. Succession of synchronized acrobatics at the end of which they lock the 12 mini Polymouses in a jar.

Cat Noir destroys the strips.

Ladybug captures the magic akuma dust in her yoyo.

Our heroes high-five and move on.

21 **INT. CITY HALL / MAYOR'S OFFICE - DAY**

Meanwhile, Manipula shows up in Mayor Bourgeois' office.

163 MANIPULA
Mr. Mayor, you're going to allow my museum to open the Hall of Heroes!

As the Mayor is about to give in, terrified (and not brave at all)...

164 MR. BOURGEOIS
Uh... Yes, I...

... Chloe, sitting in her father's armchair, sits up, threatening.

165 CHLOE
Daddy, no!

Mr. Mayor is even less brave with his daughter!

166 MR. BOURGEOIS
Ma'am, I'm terribly sorry... but I can't!

He presses the intercom on his desk.

167 MR. BOURGEOIS (CONT'D)
Security! Help!

168 MANIPULA
So be it.
(Pressing on her earpiece)
Cat Noir!

INSERT IN THE HALL - The wax Cat Noir gets into position.

169 WAX CAT NOIR
Cataclysm!

He threatens to use his cataclysm on the walls of the hallway, which would collapse the building.

BACK ON MANIPULA.

170 MANIPULA
If you don't change your mind, I'm going to destroy your city hall...

A terrified Mr. Bourgeois looks at his daughter pleadingly. But Chloe doesn't budge.

171 MANIPULA (CONT'D)
Are we still adapting to the times, Mr. Mayor?

Manipula beckons to the wax Minotaurox. He advances towards Chloe, formidable.

172 CHLOE
Daddyyyyy!

22 **EXT. PARIS / BANKS OF THE SEINE - DAY**

Meanwhile, AquaBug and AquaNoir beat Ryûko, who used Rain Dragon. As they come out of the Seine...

173 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Power down!

... they return to their Ladybug and Cat Noir forms.

Cat Noir destroys the strips.

Ladybug captures the magic Akuma dust in her yo-yo.

Our heroes high-five and turn to the last step on their path: City Hall.

174 LADYBUG
You're in great shape these days, Kitty!

175 CAT NOIR
We can't afford to make any more mistakes.

Cat Noir is already heading towards the building. Ladybug appreciates his partner's newfound charisma and follows.

23 **INT. CITY HALL / HALL - DAY**

Bursting in the hallway, our heroes must face their wax doubles. Ladybug stops for a beat, troubled.

176 LADYBUG
They look... just like us!

177 CAT NOIR
But we're one-of-a-kind!

Cat Noir doesn’t hesitate to destroy the fake Ladybug, who’s threatening him with a real, impressive Lucky Charm weapon (S&P: fantasy-type weapon).

178 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Time to de-evilize, Ladycopy!

Ladybug, however, pauses for a second after managing to pin the fake Cat Noir to the ground. She's troubled and can’t seem to destroy the wax character that sounds and looks like the real one.

179 WAX CAT NOIR
You wouldn't dare... M'Lady!?

Ladybug freezes. But the real Cat Noir encourages her.

180 CAT NOIR
It’s just an image, M’Lady, a wax copycat. I’m your real partner.

But she just can't.

So, Cat Noir helps her, throwing his staff and making it bounce back towards him like a boomerang, cutting the wax Cat Noir statue on its way back. It crumbles under Ladybug's eyes and hands.

Cat Noir walks over to Ladybug, who’s in shock.

181 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
I'm here.

He holds out his hand to help her up. She pauses, troubled by his kindness. She takes his hand, blushing...

Once she’s back on her feet, Cat Noir dashes off. But she doesn’t move and watches him move away, admiringly.

When he notices that she’s not following, Cat Noir stops.

182 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
You ok?

Ladybug pulls herself together.

183 LADYBUG
Yeah, yes... I’m fine.

Before she follows Cat Noir inside the Mayor’s office, where Manipula is, Ladybug calls up her...

184 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Lucky charm!

She gets a bowling ball. She looks at it dubiously.

24 **INT. CITY HALL / MAYOR'S OFFICE - DAY**

When they enter the Mayor’s office, Ladybug and Cat Noir face the real Manipula for the first time, with Minotaurox holding Mayor Bourgeois and Chloe at bay.

185 LADYBUG
Let the Mayor and his daughter go!

186 MANIPULA
Not until he authorizes the opening of the Hall of Heroes in MY museum!

Ladybug can't help but look surprised as she turns to the mayor.

187 LADYBUG
Why wouldn't you allow it?

Embarrassed, Bourgeois turns to Chloe:

188 MR. BOURGEOIS
Uh... Chloe, honey, I don't think that was a very good idea...

Seeing her father chicken out, Chloe answers Ladybug herself:

189 CHLOE
This is all because YOU were lame, Ladybug, and you lost the Miraculous because of your lameness. If you had kept ME, Queen Bee, this never would have happened! But you went for a lame imitation instead... Vesperia! She's totally lame, by the way!
(A beat)
And now, you get what you deserve, Ladylame. Since you're a superhero, you have no choice but to protect me from that villain! So, super losers... who's the lamest one of all?

190 MANIPULA
Seems like you haven't been making the right choices, Ladybug.

She strikes a fighting stance, holding out her fan like a weapon...

191 MANIPULA (CONT'D)
But since you've chosen to go up against me and my superheroes, then this fight will be your last.

Ladybug analyzes her surroundings, unable to find a way to use her Lucky Charm.

Meanwhile, Cat Noir tries to cataclysm the flyer-fan

192 CAT NOIR
Cataclysm!

As they fight, a very confident Manipula grabs Cat Noir's wrist herself.

193 MANIPULA
Why waste your time trying to break my weapon, kitty? Why not use it directly on... ME?!

She places the hand charged with negative energy on her suit. Cat Noir looks stunned!

194 CAT NOIR
She's lost her mind!

The Cataclysm dissipates!

195 MANIPULA
That's right! Monarch gave me a little gift! I am invincible to your powers! *

Manipula hands Cat Noir to Minotaurox.

196 MANIPULA (CONT'D)
Take care of this!

Minotaurox lifts him by the wrist and gets ready to seize his Miraculous.

Ladybug dashes to help Cat Noir...

197 CAT NOIR
Ladybug, watch out!

... but Manipula steps in and easily immobilizes her.

198 LADYBUG
Ouch!

Ladybug ends up lying on the ground, with Manipula sitting on her, pinning down her arms.

199 MANIPULA
Thanks to me, hope is going return to the hearts of Parisians!

She’s about to lose her earrings! Ladybug is distraught.

200 LADYBUG
What you think is hope will only lead to despair! *

201 MANIPULA
And how do you plan on stopping me? Your powers can't hurt me or Minotaurox!

Ladybug looks at the lucky charm bowling ball just inches from her feet. She still doesn't know what to do with it.

202 LADYBUG
Cat Noir, it's over!

INSERT ON an enthusiastic Monarch, as he turns towards the imprisoned kwamis.

203 MONARCH
Time for glory, my dear kwamis!

BACK ON Cat Noir, struggling to keep Minotaurox from grabbing his ring:

204 CAT NOIR
You’re wrong about your power, M’Lady! Your real power has never been in the objects themselves!
(MORE)

CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
It’s always been in figuring out how to use them!

It’s an epiphany for Ladybug. She looks around and sees a wheeled cart, the bookcase ladder and the chandelier above her.

205 LADYBUG
You might be invulnerable to superpowers, Manipula, but that doesn’t mean you're invincible!

Manipula doesn’t have time to understand. Ladybug throws her bowling ball, sending it rolling into the wheeled cart. The cart knocks over the ladder, which hits the chandelier, which falls on Manipula. *

This gives Ladybug time to free herself from her grasp, grab her fan and break it. The magic dust that comes out of it joins the rest of the dust she’s already captured inside her yoyo.

206 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
No more evil-doing for you, Mégakuma / Time to de-evilize / Gotcha! *

When she opens it, a little white butterfly flies out.

207 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Bye bye, little butterfly!

Now de-akumatized, Manipula transforms back.

208 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Miraculous Ladybug!

All the damage is magically repaired. Next, Ladybug gives Veronique a Magical Charm.

209 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Veronique, this magical charm will help you remember to never give up hope. We will always be there for you.

Ladybug turns to Mayor Bourgeois.

210 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Mr. Mayor, I promise that we will defeat Monarch and bring back our real heroes. But to do that, we need everyone's support. People need the hope that Veronique's museum can offer.

211 MR. BOURGEOIS
You're right, Ladybug. I will support the opening of the Hall of Heroes!

It’s a defeat for Chloe, who sulks in her corner while Cat Noir and Ladybug walk away.

212 LADYBUG
Bug out!

25 **EXT. PARIS ROOFTOPS - DAY**

Together on a rooftop, out of sight, Ladybug is with Cat Noir.

213 LADYBUG
Thanks for what you did earlier. I couldn't destroy that Wax Cat Noir because... ever since we've been alone again without the other superheroes... I've seen you differently.
(A beat)
I think my feelings for you have... changed! I realized that I can share things with you that I can't share with anyone else. That's probably why I feel so good around you today...

214 CAT NOIR
I know how you feel.

A silent beat. Ladybug's eyes shine.

215 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
There are no more misunderstandings between us, m'Lady.
(with a friendly smile)
Now we really are the best partners in the world, it's as simple as that. I can never thank you enough — and because of you, I’m finally realizing what my true feelings are.
(A beat)
Speaking of which... I have to go. I’ve got something important to finish!

216 LADYBUG
You really have to go right now?

He shows her his ring: the last pad is flashing...

217 CAT NOIR
We're about to de-transform! But we'll see each other again soon.

He's leaving. Ladybug doesn’t budge. She watches him slip away and disappear among the rooftops. Then she lets out a SIGH of contentment. She realizes something. And that something makes her blanch. At the last second, realizing that she is in the process of de-transforming, she goes and hides. Tikki comes out of the earring...

218 TIKKI
Are you ok Marinette?

219 MARINETTE
No Tikki, it's a catastrophe. I think I'm falling in love.

26 **INT. GREVIN MUSEUM - DAY**

Adrien is reunited with Luka and Kagami. He anxiously looks for Marinette with them in the museum.

220 ADRIEN
Marinette! Marinette!

Adrien's concern is not lost on Luka and Kagami.

Adrien finally finds Marinette at a bend in a hallway, where she pretends to be coming out of a hiding place.

221 MARINETTE
Phew, are we out of danger? Is it over?

The boy's face lights up, he's happy and relieved to see her again.

222 ADRIEN
Yes Marinette, everything's ok now!

But Marinette, still emotional about her Cat Noir revelation, stammers.

223 MARINETTE
Good! With this whole akumatized villain thing, it gotten so late, and now I gotta go! Besides, I have some sewing to do and some stickers to stick! See you later, guys! *

She runs off. Adrien keeps waving her goodbye, a huge smile on his lips, even though she’s long gone.

Kagami walks over to Adrien (walking away from Luka).

224 KAGAMI
So? Have you figured out how you feel about Marinette?

Adrien keeps grinning:

225 ADRIEN
Yes. I think I'm in love.

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